at Ahmedabad proposed by the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Gujarat Government has been requested to identify interested entrepreneurs, a suitable sponsoring agency, and a suitable building for the project to be considered by the Government.

Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh

3588. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for passports pending with the Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh as on 30th June, 1987 for over one, two, three and four months, respectively; and

(b) Out of the applications cleared by the said office during the last six months, the number of those entertained directly and those received through Agents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The number of applications for passports pending with Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh, as on 30th June, 1987 is as under:

For less than one month	—5016
Over one month	—3676
Over two months	—4170
Over three months	—2389
Over four months	—8680
TOTAL:	—23931

(b) The Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh issued 24256 passports from 1st January 1987 to 30th June, 1987:

(i) Despatched to applicants— 17982

(ii) Delivered to recognised Travel Agents 6274

Figures at (i) include those cases which were received through recognised Travel Agents but the Agencies were subsequently derecognised/ suspended and passports sent direct to the applicants.

राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम की लाभ कमा रही मिलें

3589. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम की कितनी मिलें लाभ कमा रही और हैं क्या इसका कारण बेहतर प्रबन्ध व्यवस्था, अच्छी मशीनें तथा अच्छा वातावरण आदि है ;

(ख) राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम की कितनी मिलें अभी भी घाटे में चल रही हैं और इसके क्या कारण हैं तथा इनकी स्थिति को सुधारने के लिए अभी तक क्या-क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं ; और

(ग) महाराष्ट्र, उत्तर प्रदेश, गुजरात, और कर्नाटक में कितनी मिलें लाभ कमा रही हैं तथा इन राज्यों में कितनी मिलें घाटे में चल रहीं हैं तथा उनके लाभ-हानि के हिसाब-किताब का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1985-86 के दौरान एन० टी० सी० के अन्तर्गत कार्य कर रहे 123 एककों में से 106 मिलों में शुद्ध हानियां हुयीं तथा 17 एककों ने शुद्ध मुनाफा कमाया । मशीनों की दशा, कार्य-संस्कृति, प्रबन्ध की क्वालिटि आदि जैसे सामान्य कारणों के अतिरिक्त प्रत्येक मिल का कार्य निष्पादन विशिष्ट कारणों पर भी निर्भर करता है । एन० टी० सी० मिल के कार्य निष्पादन में सुधार लाने के लिए उठाए गए कुछ कदमों में शामिल है :—

(1) चुनिन्दा आधुनिकीकरण ।

(2) उत्पाद-मिश्रण में सुधार ।

(3) लागत नियंत्रण तथा लागत वटौती उपाय ।

(4) श्रम सुव्यवस्थीकरण का तेजी से कार्यान्वयन ।

(5) प्रबन्धकों के कार्य-निष्पादन की समीक्षा ।

(6) रिक्त पदों को भरने के लिए कड़ा नियंत्रण तथा सर्वेक्षण ।

(ग) वर्ष 1985-86 के दौरान महाराष्ट्र, उत्तर प्रदेश, गुजरात और कर्नाटक में मुनाफा कमाने वाले तथा क्षति वाले एककों की संख्या क्रमश: 7 और 54 थी । वर्ष 1985-86 के दौरान 3.64 करोड़ रु० का लाभ कमाया गया तथा 108.22 करोड़ रु० की क्षति हुई ।

Leakage of Poisonous Gas

3590. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of leakage of poisonous gas from chemical plants during 1986-87, Statewise;

(b) the number of persons affected by gas leakages in each case; and

(c) the guidelines issued by the Central Government for preventing such mishaps and shifting such hazardous chemical plants from populated areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Efforts to raise bilateral issues at SAARC Meeting

3591. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any effort was made by Sri Lanka and Pakistan at the recent meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) to raise political, contentious and bilateral issues; and

(b) if so, what was the final outcome of these efforts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the SAARC Charter, bilateral and contentious issues are excluded from its deliberations. There was, therefore, no discussion on issues.

M/s. Indus Menon Impex Pvt. Ltd. and IPCA Laboratories in Kandla Free Trade Zone

3592. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Indus Menon Impex Private Limited and IPCA Laboratories Private Limited have established manufacturing facilities in the Kandla Free Trade Zone (KAFTZ);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the items being manufactured by them stating their annual value of export during each of the last 3 years;

(c) when were the Letters of Approval issued for manufacturing such items and import Licences issued against each through KAFTZ and what conditions were imposed by such Letters of Approval in 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(d) whether the firms have been found to be violating the conditions of Letters of Approval;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what is the annual value of items exported by these firms but not manufactured by them during the above period?